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VETERANS AFFAIRS -- DEPARTMENTWIDE, VETERANS PROGRAMS AND MUSEUMS

Omnibus Motion

[LFB Paper #690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, and 698]

Motion:

Move to modify the bill as follows.

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1. Transfers to the Veterans Trust Fund (Paper #690). Adopt Alternative A2, which would delete all of the Governor's recommended changes relating to the veterans trust fund and mortgage loan repayment fund, with the exception of the funding transfer from the general fund. Convert \$102,415,300 SEG and 1,151.70 SEG positions in 2013-14 and \$104,840,100 SEG and 1,151.70 SEG in 2014-15 to PR appropriations and positions so that the veterans homes would continue to be funded from PR appropriations, rather than from the veterans trust fund, beginning in 2013-14. Increase funding by \$10,800 PR and reduce funding by \$15,300 to reflect net changes in the bill relating to the mortgage loan repayment fund. In addition, make permanent the session law provisions included in Act 32 which authorize transfers from appropriations that support the veterans homes to the VTF with the approval of the Joint Committee on Finance under a 14-day passive review process. Authorize similar transfers from appropriations that support the veterans homes to the mortgage loan repayment fund.

Adopt Alternative B1, which would retain the Governor's recommendation to transfer \$5,300,000 from the general fund to the VTF in 2013-14.

Adopt Alternative C2, which would delete base funding for the personal loan program (-\$3,000,000 SEG annually) and reduce estimated lapses to the VTF by corresponding amounts.

Adopt Alternative D1, which would require the Department to submit to the Committee, by June 30 of every even-numbered year, a report describing the current condition of the veterans trust fund, the fund's projected revenues and expenditures, and any program changes implemented since the biennial budget act that are expected to affect the fund's revenues, expenditures, or balances.

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2. Tribal College Reimbursement Program (Paper #691) Adopt Alternative A1, which would retain all of the provisions in the bill that would create a tuition reimbursement program for veterans that attend tribal colleges. However, modify the bill to delete the provision that would require that a veteran be enrolled as a member of a federally-recognized American Indian tribe or band in Wisconsin to be eligible for tuition reimbursement while enrolled in a tribal college.

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3. Grants to Organizations that Serve Veterans (Paper #692). Adopt Alternative 1, which would retain all of the Governor's recommendations relating to funding for organizations that serve

veterans.

In addition, make the following corrections to the bill: (a) transfer the funding increase for grants provided to the Wisconsin department of Disabled American Veterans from the appropriation that supports grants to veterans service organizations [(20.485(2)(vw))] to the appropriation that supports transportation grants [20.485(2)(s)]; (b) repeal the current appropriation that supports the \$10,000 grant to Camp American Legion [20.485(2)(w)] and transfer base funding from that appropriation to the appropriation under s. 20.485(2)(vw) that the bill amends for this purpose; and (c) correct the placement of the initial applicability section as it relates to grants provided to veterans service organizations so that it references the Department of Veterans Affairs, rather than the Department of Military Affairs.

4. Grants to Tribal Veterans Service Offices (Paper #693). Adopt Alternative 3, which would reduce funding in the bill by \$51,800 SEG annually so that \$110,000 (all funds) would be available annually to support 11 TVSO grants, budgeted at the maximum of \$10,000 per grant.

5. Grant to VETransfer, Inc. (Paper #694). Adopt Alternative A1, which would retain the Governor's recommendation to provide \$500,000 SEG in 2013-14 as a one-time grant to VETransfer, Inc. Adopt Alternative B1, which would retain the Governor's recommendations to allocate \$300,000 for costs associated with the start-up of a business located in Wisconsin that a veteran owns, and \$200,000 to provide entrepreneurial training and related services to veterans who are state residents.

6. Transfer Veterans Employment Program from DWD (Paper #695). Adopt the modification, which would transfer \$3,106,600 FED and 37.0 FED positions, beginning in 2013-14, from the DVA federal appropriation that supports the costs of caring for nursing home residents at the veterans homes [20.485(1)(m)] to the federal appropriation that supports veterans programs and assistance [20.485(2)(m)].

7. Wisconsin Veterans Museum and Joint Preservation Storage Facility (Paper #696). Adopt Alternative 2b, which would delete funding for staff to assist in cataloging and packing museum materials. Reduce funding in the bill by \$70,500 SEG in 2013-14 and by \$98,100 SEG in 2014-15 and delete 2.0 SEG two-year project positions, beginning in 2013-14.

8. Military Funeral Honors (Paper #697). Adopt Alternative 2, which deletes all GPR funding in the bill for the program [including annual base funding (\$221,900 GPR) and the annual funding increase recommended by the Governor (\$82,600 GPR)], and instead, provide \$304,500 SEG annually to support the program in a new sum sufficient appropriation supported by the veterans trust fund.

9. Position Classifications (Paper #698). Adopt Alternatives A1 which would retain the Governor's recommendations to convert the chief legal counsel and public information officer positions from classified to unclassified positions and to increase the statutory number of unclassified administrator positions by two.

Adopt Alternative B1, which would retain the Governor's recommendations to: (a) repeal the

provision that designates the commandant positions as unclassified positions; (b) convert 3.0 positions from unclassified positions to classified positions, beginning in 2013-14; and (c) include nonstatutory provisions to ensure that the incumbents in these positions are assigned to the new classified positions.

Adopt Alternative C1, which would modify the statutes to reduce the number of unclassified division administrator positions by one to delete an undesigned, vacant division administrator position. (As this position is not included in the agency's base funding or position authorization, there is no funding or position reduction related to this item. Instead, the statutes would conform to the agency's total number of funded, authorized unclassified positions.)

10. Move to transfer \$10,000,000 PR from the veterans homes operations appropriations to the veterans trust fund in 2013-14.

Note:

This omnibus motion addresses items in AB 40 that were addressed in LFB papers #690 through #698.

[Change to Bill: -\$609,000 GPR, \$207,266,200 PR, -\$212,933,900 SEG and -\$6,000,000 SEG Lapse, \$10,000,000 PR Transfer, \$10,000,000 SEG-Rev; 1,151.7 PR positions and -1,153.7 SEG positions.]

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Darling	Y	N
Olsen	Y	N
Harsdorf	Y	N
Leibham	Y	N
Lazich	Y	N
Grothman	Y	N
Shilling	Y	N
Wirch		N
Nygren	Y	N
Strachota	Y	N
Kooyenga	Y	N
Knudson	Y	N
LeMahieu	Y	N
Klenke	Y	N
Mason	Y	N
Richards	Y	N

- Absent

15-0-1 abstention

Gallagher, Michael

From: Cummings, Grant
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2013 2:53 PM
To: Gallagher, Michael; Gibson-Glass, Mary
Cc: Morgan, Charlie
Subject: DVA Drafting



Hi Michael and Mary,

The Joint Finance Committee adopted an omnibus motion this afternoon on a number of issues relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs. The motion is attached. Could you begin drafting statutory language? Please feel free to call me or Charlie Morgan if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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TO ASSEMBLY BILL 40

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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

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4. Page 1064, line 23: delete the material beginning with “(2)” and ending with “subsection.” on page 1065, line 2.

5. Page 1069, line 25: after that line insert:

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